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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-196

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
District PAWS Coordinators  
Building PAWS Coordinators  
Principals  
Special Education Directors

**FROM:** Alan Moore, Director  
Standards and Assessment Division *APM*

**DATE:** October 29, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Banking of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade PAWS Results

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

During the Fall 2010 School Improvement Conference, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) shared that we are still awaiting official word from the United States Department of Education (USED) regarding our request that AYP requirements be waived for 2010. The waiver request was based on our uncertainty about the validity of AYP determinations in light of the difficulties in the online administration of PAWS last year. It is still our belief that the expected waiver will not allow the 2010 PAWS scores of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to be banked for the 2011. At this time, **we continue to advise districts to plan to test all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in 2011.**

Please contact Melissa Irvine at [mirvin@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:mirvin@educ.state.wy.us) or 307-721-1926, if you have questions.

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